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Police Department Hosting Overnight Camp for At-Risk Youth *Chief to Hold Special Event Tomorrow Night*

The Howard County Police Department is hosting its annual Bear Trax overnight camp this week for children who are considered in need of positive mentors. Fifty children ages 10-12 are participating in the camp, which is designed to enhance relationships between police officers and kids in the community.

The camp includes team-building and confidence exercises, as well as field trips to Hershey Park and Cascade Lake in Hampstead.

Chief of Police G. Wayne Livesay will host an event for the campers Wed., July 27, that will include police demonstrations by the K-9 unit, tactical team and helicopter.

The police-youth program also hosts a week-long day camp in early July and a holiday party in December.

Nominations for children to participate in Bear Trax programs come from many sources, including police officers and school administrators. Children nominated are those who could most benefit from support, encouragement and constructive, organized activities during the summer months. All camp counselors are police officers, civilian police employees and police department volunteers.

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Editor's Note: *Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the camp event on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Camp Hashawa grounds in Carroll County. Anyone interested should contact the Office of Public Affairs at (410) 313-2236 to arrange access.*